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Sec. McNamara Says Victory 'Beyond Grasp' of No. Vietnam

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told a news conference at the LBJ Ranch that North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces were approaching a possible victory some 15 months ago, but he thinks it is now clear a military victory is beyond their grasp.

Recalling a dark military outlook during the summer of 1965, Mr. McNamara said South Vietnamese forces were decimated and the enemy seemed determined to cut the country in two at its narrow waist.

"To prevent that disaster the United States put into South Vietnam over 100,000 men in about 120 days. The potential disaster was averted, our forces began to bring a grave military situation under control."

The Defense Secretary told newsmen he and the President talked over their recent and separate trips to Southeast Asia with regard to the FY68 defense budget.

Major Budget Points

Barring unforeseen contingencies, he outlined these major budget points:

- Draft calls will be lower during 1967, down from the August-November 37,000-50,000 monthly average, to average less than 25,000 a month during December, January, February and March.
- Increases in U.S. force levels in South Vietnam to be substantially less, nothing on the order of the approximate 200,000 made from Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1966.
- Probability of a second cut in the planned annual rate of air ordnance.
- Stabilization trend governing air operations, deployment of air units to South Vietnam and the level of air activities. No sharp increase planned past the current 25,000 attack sorties a month.

Mr. McNamara noted a recent report on interrogations of enemy soldiers "showed the morale of the North Vietnamese soldiers in South Vietnam and the morale of the Viet Cong soldiers in South Vietnam is being affected by air and ground operations carried out against them by the United States, the South Vietnamese and the other Free World Forces."

He cautioned the enemy is fighting stubbornly and shows every indication to fight on stubbornly as well as continue to infiltrate from north to south in large numbers.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF VISITS KOREA—President Lyndon B. Johnson waves to U.S. troops lining the road on his way to the 11th Engineer Bn. mess hall at Camp Stanley, Korea. In the back of the jeep is Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel III, commander, U.S. Forces Korea and 8th Army.

Real Property Actions for All Service Recruiting Offices Assigned to Army

Army has been named executive agent for accomplishing all real property actions necessary to provide space for recruiting offices for all four services.

Established by DOD Directive 5160.58, signed by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, the executive agent will be responsible for programming, budgeting and financing all costs to DOD related to acquiring and maintaining recruiting facilities.

The directive requires that when two or more services establish recruiting offices in a community, such offices will be co-located whenever practicable.

Co-located offices are defined as those which are on the same floor of a building, whether or not in the same room or suite.

By having co-located offices potential applicants will have an opportunity to visit the various recruiting offices to obtain maximum information about enlistment alternatives.

Recruitment will continue to be by individual services.

Washington Memos

DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA has said he proposes to keep the length of the Vietnam combat tour at 12 months. Pointing out a quarter million men will have been brought back by the end of this month because of limited tour, he elaborated that "we can continue to limit the tour to 12 months, as far ahead as we can see, and do so without calling up reserves."

GENERAL WESTMORELAND CHARACTERIZES his command as the best armed force he has ever seen in uniform, with highest morale and highest efficiency. Citing this estimate, Defense Secretary McNamara recently said it was more than one man's opinion—"It is the universal opinion of all who have visited our troops."

SECOND PHASE OF XB-70 flight test series in support of National Supersonic Transport Program will begin soon at Edwards AFB, Calif. Research is designed to gather detailed engineering data on development and operational problems of large supersonic aircraft. Basic airworthiness of XB-70 air frame and engine was established in first phase.

PERSONAL SAVINGS PROGRAMS are fully outlined and available to Commanders in DoD FS-35 Fact Sheet: Your Personal Savings Program. Pamphlet concisely spells out details about the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program, U.S. Savings Bonds, Expansion of Class Q Allotments. All forms of military compensations are included in chart form. A section explains in lay language how a serviceman helps his country and himself by saving dollars abroad, helping to stem the "gold flow."

USS ORISKANY, which sustained heavy shipboard fire off the Coast of Vietnam Oct. 26, is scheduled to return to its home port of San Diego, Nov. 16 to off-load various equipment. After several days in San Diego the Oriskany will go to Hunters Point shipyard in San Francisco for repairs.

ARMY WILL ORGANIZE 227-man Advanced Individual Training Companies—one each week at Ft. Dix, N.J., and Ft. Lewis, Wash., beginning April 3 and February 13, respectively. Average daily strength at each post will be increased by about 2,000 trainees at full operation.

DIRECTOR OF THE Center for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards, has been appointed Special Assistant to Secretary of the Navy. Norman J. Ream fills position held by Howard W. Merrill, who resigned in June. Mr. Ream will assist Navy Secretary on matters of planning and policy related to major Navy program areas in management systems, management services and automatic data processing.

EIGHTY PERCENT of Air University's Air War College Class of '67 served in World War II; nearly 50 percent in Korea, and 16 percent in Vietnam. Also, aeronautical ratings are held by more than 80 percent of class and more than 20 percent of USAF officers in student body are from Strategic Air Command. Student body has 281 officers and U.S. government agency civilians. College is at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

AUTOMATED LIBRARY STUDY recently completed by Rooz, Allen Applied Research Inc., has been made available by Defense Department. Basic Report, AD 640 100, deals with mechanized systems being planned, developed and used within DOD technical libraries and information centers. Full size copies cost $7, $1.75 for microfilm copies, from Clearing House for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Va. 22151.

ALL ALIENS, SAYS Immigration and Nationality Act, are required to report their addresses to the Attorney General during January. Cards for making reports are available at all post offices during January. Aliens overseas must report within 10 days after returning here.

LUNAR ORBITER I was deliberately crashed into the far side of the Moon by NASA in late October to avoid any interference from Lunar Orbiter II which was launched Nov. 6. NASA's Deep Space Network station at Woomera, Australia, radioed the impact order.

MILITARY PHOTOGRAPHERS and Information personnel are invited to submit entries in this year's "Military Picture of the Year" competition. Categories include news, feature, pictorial, sports, picture story, and portrait. The black and white photos must have been taken this year. Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 1967, and submitted to: Prof. Clifton Edom, Journalism Annex, Room 27A, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. 65201.

ARMED FORCES FILM, "An Alliance of Neighbors" AFIF-155, is available to commanders for showing. Twenty minute film tells the story of United States Southern Command. It also details facts about Latin America, stressing our southern neighbors are lands of many contrasts.

SEMINAR PROGRAM AT Industrial College of the Armed Forces will be redesigned beginning in August to concentrate on management in DOD. It will be directed toward active duty and reserve officers and Civil Service personnel.

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Asst. SecDef (I&L) Praises Vietnam Logistical Effort

Assistant Defense Secretary for Installations and Logistics Paul R. Ignatius has said that one index of the effectiveness of the Vietnam logistical effort may be provided by a quote made by the late Sir Winston Churchill on a rule of thumb for wartime expansion:

"For the first year or so you get nothing, in the next year, a trickle, in the third year a flood."

"In the case of Vietnam, in only a year or so we are approaching a tidal wave," Mr. Ignatius added.

The Assistant Defense Secretary made these and other remarks in an address to the Defense Supply Association's convention in Philadelphia.

The bulk of his speech was devoted to the workings and accomplishments of the Defense Supply Agency which he described as having succeeded beyond expectations.

He described some of DSA's new functions, including supervision and maintenance of standard logistics data systems; responsibility for administration of contracts; management of a control library for technical data; monitoring supply relationship with the General Services Administration.

He also cited the military airlift from Travis AFB, Calif. to Tan Son Nhut Airfield in Saigon as the "Red-ball Express" of today.

He pointed out that airfields and port complexes now exist where before there were only sand dunes, describing the Port of Cam Ranh Bay as once an underdeveloped beach that is becoming one of the largest deep water ports in Southeast Asia.

Air Force Continues Study of Comm. Blackouts During Spacecraft Reentry

The Air Force is continuing its study of communications blackouts during spacecraft reentry, firing another probe rocket into space Oct. 26 off Wallops Island, Va.

In the second of six joint NASA-Air Force experiments, a 60-pound instrument package arched some 200 miles high behind a four-stage Trailblazer booster, and was then blasted back to hit the 300,000 foot mark at 12,000 mph, the altitude where radio noise begins.

The scientific payload was designed to measure this noise or "plasma" which sounds like the hissing noise of a car radio mistuned between two stations.

Data was recovered by telemetry, making nose cone recovery unnecessary.

Launch dates for the remaining four tests have yet to be set.

SINGING MARINE WOUNDED—Gy. Sgt. William Bodaford, USMC, whose singing helped raise more than a half-million dollars for charity while stationed in Albany, Ga., receives his fourth award of the Purple Heart Medal from Brig. Gen. William A. Stiles, Asst. Commander, 1st Marine Div. Sgt. Bodaford earned the first three awards in Korea and received the fourth after being hit by shrapnel from a booby trap while on a search and destroy mission in Vietnam.

Army Revises Enlisted Early Release Policy for Long-Tour Returnees

Army is revising its enlisted early release policy, as it affects long tour returnees only, by ruling that none will be released earlier than 30 days before their expiration of term of service (ETS). The revision goes into effect Jan. 1.

Those completing long tours before the effective date will be governed by existing policy, which authorizes early release up to 90 days before ETS.

The forthcoming revision will result in Army gaining as much as three more month's productive use from some of those affected. This, an official said, will insure maximum use of trained enlisted resources in view of worldwide shortages in certain enlisted grades and critical MOSs.

New policy provides that those with 121 days or more remaining to ETS at completion of oversea tour will be reassigned in CONUS for the remainder of their obligated service. Those with 60-120 days to ETS will receive 30-90-day in-theater extension and then be returned for separation 30 days before ETS. Those with 30 days or less before ETS will be returned for immediate separation.

The current 90-day early release policy will remain in effect for returnees from short tour areas. An official said the advantage accruing to short tour returnees recognizes the hardships encountered, especially by combat troops in Vietnam.

Electric-Powered Truck Undergoes Army Tests

A fuel cell-powered, electrically-propelled truck is being tested at the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Command Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Va. Test is part of development of electric drive systems which are expected to provide more economical, efficient and quieter propulsion for Army vehicles, as well as on-board electric power for vehicle-mounted weapons, communications and surveillance systems.

The three-quarter ton test vehicle has as its prime propulsion power a 40 kw. hydrazine-air fuel cell plant, which can generate electricity for external use when the truck is idle. Compact and lightweight, the plant incorporates a unitized cell concept designed by the Laboratories.

Operating on hydrazine-monohydrate fuel, the test vehicle will provide operational experience and data to expedite development of a fuel cell electric drive system using logistically available hydrocarbon fuel.

Navy's SEALAB III Diving Unit Makes 'Know How' Experiments

Navy's SEALAB III experimental diving unit is being tested at the Washington Navy Yard in a series of simulated deep ocean dives and physiological experiments under high pressure.

Purpose of the testing is to provide the "know how" and thorough preparations for next year's Man-in-the-Sea experiments.

Actual diving in 1967 is designed to give additional technological information necessary to establish man in advanced sea habitations on the continental shelves for extended periods.

Simulated training now is being done by technicians and support divers. SEALAB III aquanauts will be selected.

HIS LAST MISSION—Col. Robert A. Ackerly walks away from his plane after returning from his 64th and final combat mission in Vietnam. He gave up command of 3d Tac Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa air base in early November to take over command of USAF's only F-4C combat crew training wing, the 4453d at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Balancing Act Needed To Maintain Job Level

Presidential direction to federal agencies to hold full-time employment levels at July 31, 1966 levels will require a balancing act of sorts, according to Nicholas J. Oganovic, executive director of the Civil Service Commission.

"On the one hand, federal agencies have to take a long, hard look at every vacancy and decide if it is absolutely essential that the position be filled, or whether an employe on the rolls can be reassigned from any less vital work to take up the slack," Mr. Oganovic said.

Oganovic pointed out that recruitment to compensate from turnover due to resignations and retirements must continue. "Hiring may slow down—not come to a full stop," he said.

Gen. Wheeler Salutes Medics' Work, Heroism

More than 19,000 men have been evacuated from the jungles, mountains, and paddies in Vietnam, and according to Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, USA, "often under fire."

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the 73rd Anniversary meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons, "For the first time, the evacuation of casualties has been based primarily upon the helicopter ambulance."

Gen. Wheeler said the role of military medical men of this country has been "great, brilliantly performed, with high devotion to duty, honor, country, and one might add, to mankind."

Medical men of all services, as individuals and as soldiers, have been superb, the general noted, pointing out "they have cared for and conserved the fighting men as never before."

Gen. Wheeler said, "Some two-thirds of all the soldiers hospitalized are being returned to duty in Vietnam."

Specific note was made of corpsmen in remote and dangerous villages, MEDCAP groups in field units, medical teams in provincial hospitals, and doctors helping Vietnamese through education and precept.

"All are contributing in essential measure to the building of a stronger, healthier Vietnam for tomorrow," Gen. Wheeler explained.

Technical Study Ordered For New Ballistic Missiles

A technical study into future ballistic missiles including their possible performance characteristics and missile base concept has been ordered by Defense Department. Institute for Defense Analyses will make the study under an existing contract, beginning in early November and continuing for about nine months.

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